

Postscript

After leaving the RAFVR (Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve) Freddie briefly joined BOAC aircrew. He decided it was time to leave after an unexploded bomb was discovered on board and the crew had to ditch the aeroplane in the sea.

He arranged to rent Church Farm in Shotteswell, where his father also had a farm. He married a beautiful lady, my mother, Olive Julia Belcher in 1948, who also served her country during WW2 in the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service). They had three children, Barrie, Jane and Trevor and within 10 years of working extremely hard they bought the farm and enlarged it.

In his late forties he began flying again creating a permanent grass runway on the farm.

My mother tragically died in 1971 leaving all the family totally bereft.

My father decided to rent out the farmland after he was invited to be a private commercial pilot based in the Channel Islands. He always managed to fly back to the farm for a few days each week. He flew weekly all over the UK and Europe until he retired back to the farm aged 76 years, concluding a period of another 24 years of a remarkable flying career.

Still very active, he still flew socially and managed the farm until he died in 2002 aged 81 years.

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